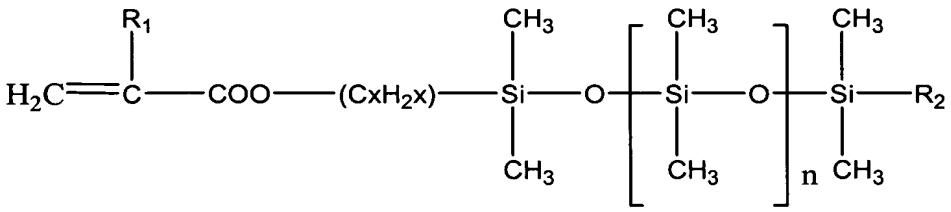
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A polymer comprising units obtained from a monomer having an acidic group or a basic group capable of undergoing an acid-base dissociation in a silicone oil and a monomer having the following formula (1):



(1)

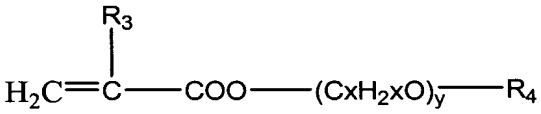
wherein R_1 represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R_2 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; n is an integer; and x is an integer of from 1 to 3, wherein the polymer is soluble in a silicone oil;

wherein the monomer having an acidic group or a basic group is a member selected from the group consisting of (meth)acrylic acid, maleic acid, maleic anhydride, itaconic acid, itaconic anhydride, fumaric acid, cinnamic acid, crotonic acid, vinylbenzoic acid, 2-methacryloxyethylsuccinic acid, 2-methacryloxyethylmaleic acid, 2-methacryloxyethylhexahydrophthalic acid, 2-methacryloxyethyltrimellitic acid, ~~minylsulfonic~~ vinylsulfonic acid, allylsulfonic acid, styrenesulfonic acid, 2-sulfoethyl methacrylate, 2-acrylamide-2-methylpropanesulfonic acid, 3-chloroamidephosphoxypropyl methacrylate, 2-methacryloyloxyethylacid phosphate, hydroxystyrene, N-methylaminoethyl (meth)acrylate, N-ethylaminoethyl (meth)acrylate, N,N-dimethylaminoethyl (meth)acrylate, N,N-diethylaminoethyl (meth)acrylate, N,N-dibutylaminoethyl acrylate, N-phenylaminoethyl methacrylate, N,N-diphenylaminoethyl methacrylate, aminostyrene, dimethylaminostyrene,

N-methylaminoethylstyrene, dimethylaminoethoxystyrene, diphenylaminoethylstyrene, N-phenylaminoethylstyrene, 2-N-piperidylethyl (meth)acrylate, 2-vinyl pyridine, 4-vinyl pyridine and 2-vinyl-6-methyl pyridine.

Claim 2 (Original): The polymer according to Claim 1, wherein the polymer further comprises units obtained from a monomer having a nonionic polar group other than oxyalkylene groups and polyoxyalkylene groups.

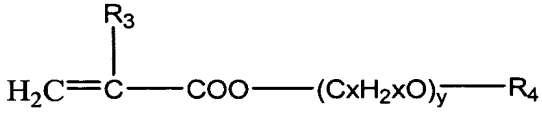
Claim 3 (Original): The polymer according to Claim 2, wherein the polymer further comprises units obtained from a monomer having the following formula (2):



(2)

wherein R_3 represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R_4 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; x is an integer of from 1 to 3; and y is an integer of from 1 to 25.

Claim 4 (Original): The polymer according to Claim 1, wherein the polymer further comprises units obtained from a monomer having the following formula (2):



(2)

wherein R_3 represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R_4 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; x is an integer of from 1 to 3; and y is an integer of from 1 to 25.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): An image display medium comprising:

a pair of electroconductive layers, at least one of said electroconductive layers being light-transmissive and said electroconductive layers being opposed to each other to form a cell; and

a dispersion contained in the cell, the dispersion comprising:

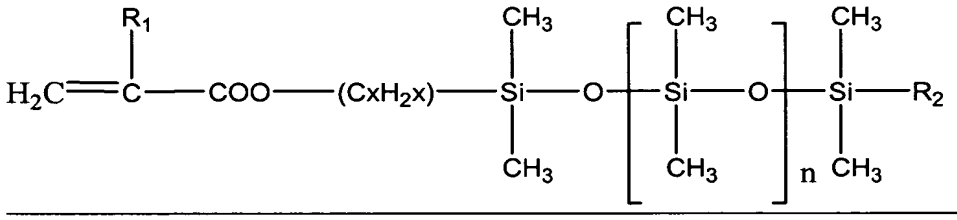
a silicone oil;

a colored particulate material dispersed in the silicone oil; and

a polymer soluble in the silicone oil;

wherein said polymer soluble in the silicone oil can undergo an acid-base dissociation reaction with said colored particulate material dispersed in the silicone oil; and

wherein the polymer comprises units obtained from a monomer having an acidic group or a basic group and a monomer having the following formula (1):



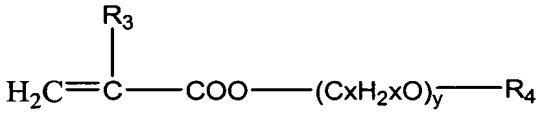
(1)

wherein R_1 represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R_2 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; n is an integer; and x is an integer of from 1 to 3.

Claim 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The image display medium according to Claim ~~6~~ 5, wherein the polymer further comprises units obtained from a monomer having a nonionic polar group other than oxyalkylene groups and polyoxyalkylene groups.

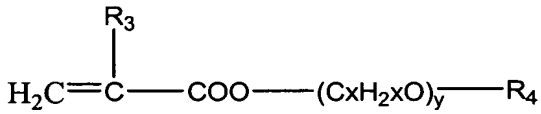
Claim 8 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 7, wherein the polymer further comprises units obtained from a monomer having the following formula (2):



(2)

wherein R_3 represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R_4 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; x is an integer of from 1 to 3; and y is an integer of from 1 to 25.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The image display medium according to Claim ~~6~~ 5, wherein the polymer further comprises units obtained from a monomer having the following formula (2):



(2)

wherein R_3 represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R_4 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; x is an integer of from 1 to 3; and y is an integer of from 1 to 25.

Claim 10 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 5, wherein the colored particulate material comprises a coloring agent and a binder resin insoluble in the silicone oil.

Claim 11 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 5, wherein the colored particulate material has an average particle diameter of from 0.1 μm to 10 μm.

Claim 12 (Original): The image display medium according to Claim 5, wherein the dispersion further comprises water in an amount of from 100 to 2000 ppm.

Claims 13-21 (Cancelled)

Claim 22 (Original): An image displaying device comprising:

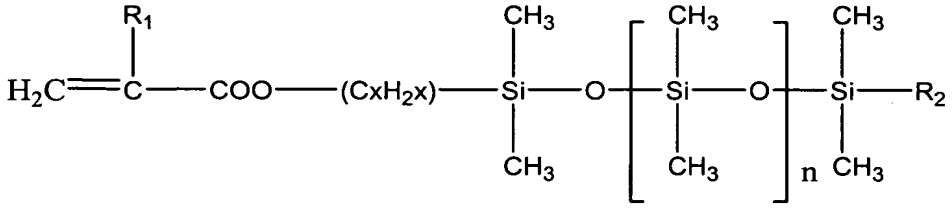
the image displaying medium according to Claim 5; and

at least one member selected from the group consisting of voltage applicators configured to apply a voltage between the pair of electroconductive layers to display an image in the image display medium and connectors through which a voltage is applied to the medium to display an image in the image display medium.

Claim 23 (Cancelled)

Claim 24 (New): A composition comprising

a polymer comprising units obtained from a monomer having an acidic group or a basic group and a monomer having the following formula (1):



(1)

wherein R_1 represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R_2 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; n is an integer; and x is an integer of from 1 to 3,

a silicone oil; and

a colored particulate material dispersed in the silicone oil;

wherein the polymer is soluble in the silicone oil and the polymer and the colored particulate material undergo an acid-base dissociation reaction in the silicone oil.